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FIRST COUNTY BANK FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED
Grant Application Deadline is March 31, 2014

STAMFORD, Conn., Jan. 14, 2014 —_The First County Bank Foundation today announced the availability of its 2014 grant application for nonprofit organizations in lower Fairfield County. The deadline for submitting standard grant applications is March 31, 2014.

To be eligible, organizations must have nonprofit tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and serve the communities of Stamford, Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, Norwalk or Westport. Applicant organizations must support community and economic development, increase the availability of affordable housing or support quality of life and educational enrichment for families and children. Since the First County Bank Foundation was formed in 2001, it has awarded close to 900 individual grants exceeding \$5.8 million. Grant application forms are available on the Bank's website at: <http://www.firstcountybank.com/application-process>.

"As we enter a new year, we look forward to receiving and evaluating applicants and awarding grants we know will help towards the betterment of our community. As the needs of our local community continue to increase, so does our commitment to find nonprofit organizations that are first-time grant applicants." said Katherine Harris, vice president of the First County Bank Foundation and president and COO of First County Bank. "Through the dedication and charitable nature of First County Bank's directors, incorporators, officers and employees, we help to ensure that local community needs continue to be met."

As a mutual bank with no shareholders, First County Bank considers contributions made by the foundation a means of paying dividends back to the local communities it serves.

First County Bank, headquartered in Stamford, Conn. for more than 160 years, is an independent mutual community bank with 15 branches in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk and Westport offering deposit products, mortgages, trust and investment services, business banking services and online banking. First County Bank has more than 220 employees and assets in excess of \$1.3 billion. For additional information, please visit www.firstcountybank.com. Become a fan by clicking "Like" on the bank's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/firstcountybank>. Follow it on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/firstcountybank> or look for First County Bank on LinkedIn at <http://www.linkedin.com/company/920207>.

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